

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 16, 2006. Claims 1, 8-9, 11, and 18-19 have been amended, claims 6-7 and 16-17 have been cancelled. Claims 1-5, 8-15, and 18-20 are currently pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

On pages 4-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 7-10 and 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability of dependent claim 7, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 7 and intervening claim 6, which have been cancelled accordingly. Similarly, independent claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 17 and intervening claim 16, which have been cancelled. Furthermore, in view of the foregoing indicated allowability, dependent claims 9 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the original independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. Applicants submit that claims 1, 9, 11, 19 and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would expedite or otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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